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OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA (Sept. 1, 2010) – Dr. Bill Broussard, and his wife Margaret, have done it again – this time cc to the rescue of the Big Cats. The Broussards have agreed to host the Central Florida Animal Reserve's new zoological park lions, tigers, leopards and cougars at **Forever Florida**, the wildlife sanctuary they developed in memory of their son, **Allen**, a haven for beleaguered wildlife.

The **Central Florida Animal Reserve** was under pressure from the Brevard County, Florida, Commission to relocate the cats to a "properly zoned" location by April of next year because of protests of local residents, and their concerns about the presence of the big cats in a community north of Scottsmeer, Florida.

The Big Cat announcement comes on the heels of the Broussard's acquisition and guardianship last month of the endangered **Santa Cruz** horses on their **Crescent J Ranch**, located adjacent to Forever Florida, a 4,700-acre conservation ranch south of Holopaw that features wildlife safaris, a zipline experience, camping and special events.

"Although we are still working out the time frame and details, we will be adding the Big Cats into our wildlife education center," said Matt Duda, Forever Florida's director of sales and marketing.

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Snapshots of tigers and lions, together with a large plush version of one of the beasts, decorate the West Melbourne dental practice of Drs. Effie and Thomas Blue, giving a hint at the couple's abiding passion for the magnificent but beleaguered big cats. Many people admire the kings of the wild, but few, unlike the Blues, take care of one – much less 50.

Dr. Thomas is president and Dr. Effie is director and



Bill and Margaret Broussard with the endangered Santa Cruz horses at their Crescent J Ranch.



volunteer coordinator of the **Central Florida Animal Reserve** currently a three-acre Canaveral Groves, Florida sanctuary home to rescued tigers, lions, cougars and a host of other species, including the lithe civets, coati mundis and even cas-a-button tiny genet cats. Thirty-eight of the 50 are tigers

The animals' histories vary, but share a theme of human